

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 12, 2007

10:30 a.m.

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The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Hopgood, Griffin, Accavitti, Bieda, Donigan, Leland, Mayes, Miller, Young, LaJoy, Casperson, Nitz, Pavlov, Pearce, Knollenberg,

Absent and excused were Reps. Ebli, Stahl.

Rep. Young moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 29, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Nitz moved to excuse the members that were absent. The motion prevailed.

The Chair laid before the Committee HB 4575, HB 4576 and HB 4577 for testimony only.

HB 4575 – DeRoche – Transportation; motor fuel tax; increase and provide phase-in period.

HB 4576 – Hopgood – Transportation; motor fuel tax diesel fuel tax; increase and provide for a phase-in period.

HB 4577 – Hopgood – Vehicles; registration; registration fees; increase and provide reduction for certain medically indigent individuals.

The Chair recognized Mike Nystrom, Vice President for Government and Public Relations for the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, for a presentation on road and infrastructure conditions and funding for transportation projects. Mr. Nystrom stated that the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association were in support of an increase in the gasoline tax and an increase in the vehicle registration fees.

The Chair recognized Brian Slogter, President of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association and owner of Slogter Construction, who testified in supported of an increase in the gasoline tax and an increase in the vehicle registration fees.

The Chair recognized Mark Johnston, President of Ajax Paving, who testified in support of an increase in the gasoline tax and an increase in the vehicle registration fee.

The Chair recognized Ronald Brenke, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies, who testified in support of an increase in the gasoline tax and an increase in the vehicle registration fees.

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The following people submitted testimony cards in support of HB 4575, HB 4576 and HB 4577 but did not testify.

Erik Hingst representing the City of Grand Rapids, MI
Steven Gaterman representing Transportation Riders United

The following people submitted testimony cards with a neutral position on HB 4575, HB 4576 and HB 4577 but did not testify

Charles Owen from NFIB
Larry Steckelberg from the Department of Treasury

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to HB 4575 and HB 4576 but did not testify.

Chris Fisher from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan
Alan Canady representing Perfection Associates LLC
Alan Canady representing Whiteline Trucking
Alan Canady representing Absopure

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4575, HB 4576 and HB 4577 but did not testify.

Doug Novak from the Department of State
James Fackler from the Department of State.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Hopgood adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:20 p.m.

Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk